

## COMPREHENSIVE INDEX.

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Mr. PERKINS, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following

### REPORT.

[To accompany H. Res. 211.]

The Committee on Printing, having had under consideration the joint resolution (H. Res. 211) providing for a comprehensive index to Government publications from eighteen hundred and eighty-one to eighteen hundred and ninety-three, report a substitute for the same, and recommend that the substitute be agreed to.

The purpose of this resolution is to fill the gap now existing in the indexing of Government publications.

It is proposed that this work shall be done under direction of Dr. John G. Ames, the compiler of the Comprehensive Index of Government Publications, 1889 to 1893, and produced in a single volume.

Dr. Ames's long association with the publications of the Government gives him exceptional qualifications for the work. The compensation allowed him is \$1,000 per Congress, a total of \$6,000 for the six Congresses.

The Ben: Perley Poore index, prior to 1881, with this, will complete the work to the present time, as the printing act of January 12, 1895, provides for indexing by the superintendent of documents from 1893.

